result of an expert examination of the working of the Government Press we found that it was in a most chaotic condition. The permanent Superintendent was found to be incompetent and he was made to retire. And we have selected one of our own men for training at Madras and he is under-going training. He will probably have to be trained for one year or two years. During this period we have tried to get the services of some experienced person and thro gh the Associated Printers we were able to secure the services of the present incumbent for one year in the first instance to be extended to another year. It is purely a temporary appointment, the idea being that our own man will come and take up the work.

AMALGAMATION OF THE ANCHAL AND REGISTRATION DEPARTMENTS.

124. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they intend to continue the present experiment of amalgamating the Anchal and Registration Departments;

(*b*) whether there is any actual gain by the present experiment; if so, what is the gain hitherto made?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The Member is referred to G. P. F2-3492/13, dated 25th March 1938, Finance Department, published on page 656 of Cochin Government Gazette (Part I) dated 13th Meenam 1113.

(*b*) Yes. About Rs. 4,000 approximately in the shape of Anchal Superintendent's pay, T. A., and tour charges.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): May I know, Sir, whether after the amalgamation of the two departments a new post of an Anchal Inspector has been created?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): May I know whether the salary of the Anchal Inspector, his leave allowance and T. A. has been deducted from the total establishment in order to arrive at the figure?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Yes. That is the net savings.

PAUPER LEPERS—WANDERING ABOUT.

125. Mr. M. K .Devassy (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has ever come to the notice of the Government that pauper lepers are wandering in places of public resort in the suburbs of the Leper Asylum at Adur;

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